

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Orwell Village Council

REGULAR Meeting

Date: April 16, 2024

Council President Ruks called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Clerk Kimberly McKinley performed roll call and the following council members were present: Ms. Cozad, Mr. Denihan, Mr. Hartz, and Mr. Ruks. Absent: Councilor Mr. Cottrell.

Others Present: Solicitor Cris Newcomb, Village Manager Tami Pentek, Clerk-Finance Director Kim McKinley, and Police Chief Chad Fernandez.

Agenda:

Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Denihan, to accept the agenda. The motion passed with all in favor.

Public Corrine Schoren, Gazette and Warren Dillaway, Star Beacon.

Minutes:

Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Denihan, to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on March 19, 2024. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mr. Denihan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartz, to approve the minutes from the special council meeting held on April 9, 2024. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Denihan, to approve the minutes from the work session held on April 9, 2024. The motion passed with all in favor.

Bills:

Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cozad, to approve the payment of bills. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCAD: Mr. Hartz read his written report from meeting held on April 8, 2024. Report includes monthly financial information and call numbers. Paramedic Sopko has been released to resume full-time duty. Next meeting scheduled for May 13, 2024.

Streets/Lands & Buildings:

Mrs. Pentek read information from written report. Modifications and adjustments have been made to generator at police station and at village hall to initiate engagement during brown outs. Street department is preparing temporary easements for cleaning off road ditches. Roads are being cold patched as needed and grass mowing has begun.

Water/ Sewer:

Mrs. Pentek read information from written report. CCR draft submitted to OEPA for review, changes have been made and is reading to post and distribute in June. A grant application has been submitted to OEPA for well abandonment. Control panels and pumps have been replaced. A change order for additional fittings for the WTP improvements has been received. ARPA funds are still available to cover the cost. Lead service line inventory has started; report is due in October. Hydrant on Breezewood has been taken out of service until parts are received. Sewer plant bypassed due to heavy rain event; reported to EPA. Raymond Nevison, Superintendent has submitted resignation effective April 25, 2024. Ms. Cozad requested an exit interview be completed. Mrs. Pentek has notified CT and Hess. Advertisements for positions were posted on April 11, 2024.

Police Department:

Mrs. Pentek provided a written report. Chief Fernandez added that with the recent resignation, the department has four full time officers including police chief. There are no part-time officers available. The department needs to replace MARCS radios by July 2025. Current system was purchased in 2006. Chief Fernandez scheduled CPR classes for employees excluding VFD.

Fire Department:

Mrs. Pentek read information from written report. The Rosenbauer tanker has been painted, no update on return. Department is getting a quote for an air primer for hydrant truck. Hot sticks have been cancelled; company is out of business.

Park and Recreation: No report.

Planning & Zoning Commission: No report.

Other: Spring Cleanup will be held on May 18, 2024, 8:00 a.m. to Noon. Representatives from the water/sewer department and police department will participate in career day at the high school on April 18, 2024. A mock crash will be held at high school on May 3, 2024.

Solicitor's report: To pass the Unclean Habitation and Junk Vehicle legislation this evening all members in attendance need to waive three reading rule; otherwise move to third reading. Solicitor Newcomb is still working on the nuisance legislation with Zoning Inspector Bellas, and he is working with Mrs. Pentek in revising CRA legislation. In addition, Solicitor Newcomb will work with BZA to potentially update decision form.

Finance Report: Ms. McKinley provided a summary of submitted March reports. In addition, she provided a year over year (YoY) comparison report for the 1st quarter.

Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Denihan, to approve the finance report. The motion passed with all in favor.

Zoning: A report for March was provided.

Old Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 24-03-04: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 660.14 UNCLEAN HABITATIONS UNDER THE VILLAGE OF ORWELL CODIFIED ORDINANCES. Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Denihan, to waive the three reading rule. The motion passed with all in favor. Mr. Denihan made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cozad, to pass Ordinance 24-03-04.

Vote: Mr. Hartz – yea, Mr. Ruks-yea, Ms. Cozad-yea, Mr. Denihan-yea,

Vote: 4 yeas – 0 nays

Ordinance 24-03-04 passed

ORDINANCE NO. 24-03-05: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 686 JUNK VEHICLES UNDER SECTION 686.09 PENALTY WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF ORWELL CODIFIED ORDINANCES.

Ms. Cozad made a motion, seconded by Mr. Denihan, to waive the three reading rule. The motion passed with all in favor. Mr. Denihan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartz, to pass Ordinance 24-03-05.

Vote: Mr. Hartz – yea, Mr. Ruks-yea, Ms. Cozad-yea, Mr. Denihan-yea.

Vote: 4 yeas – 0 nays

Ordinance 24-03-05 passed

RESOLUTION NO. 24-04-02R: A RESOLUTION CREATING A TEMPORARY WATER SURVEY CREDIT PROGRAM FOR THE VILLAGE OF ORWELL RESIDENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) VILLAGE WATER SERVICE LINE QUESTIONNAIRE WITH SAID CREDIT PROGRAM COMMENCING MAY 1, 2024 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024 AND NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF \$10.00 CREDIT TO EACH HOUSEHOLD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Ms. Cozad made a motion, seconded by Mr. Denihan, to pass as an emergency. The motion passed with all in favor. Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ruks, to waive the three reading rule. The motion passed with all in favor. Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Denihan, to pass Resolution 24-04-02R.

Vote: Mr. Hartz – yea, Mr. Ruks-yea, Ms. Cozad-yea, Mr. Denihan-yea.

Vote: 4 yeas – 0 nays

Resolution 24-04-02R passed

RESOLUTION NO. 24-04-03R: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN FISCAL YEAR 2024 AND NOT DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Denihan, to waive the three reading rule. The motion passed with all in favor. Mr. Denihan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartz, to pass Resolution 24-04-03R.

Vote: Mr. Hartz – yea, Mr. Ruks-yea, Ms. Cozad-yea, Mr. Denihan-yea.

Vote: 4 yeas – 0 nays

Resolution 24-04-03R passed

New Business: Mrs. Pentek read the Poppy Proclamation. Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Denihan, to support the proclamation. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mrs. Pentek requested approval to execute a letter of intent to purchase a new police cruiser. Chief Fernandez said last vehicle cost 63k completely outfitted. Some equipment from old vehicle is not compatible with new cruisers, however, any item that could be repurposed was removed from vehicle. Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cozad, authorizing the village manager and police chief to sign a letter of intent to purchase a new police vehicle. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hartz will forward an email from Chuck Keiper, NOPEC regarding electric rates.

Public: None

Media: Mr. Dillaway inquired about the ordinances for unclean habitation and junk vehicles. Legislation increases penalties including for repeat offenders. Mr. Dillaway was provided with a copy of the ordinances.

Executive Session: None

Mr. Denihan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ruks, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with all in favor.

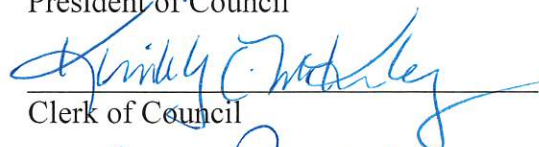
Council President Ruks adjourned the meeting at 5:17 p.m.

Approved:

May 21, 2024



President of Council



Clerk of Council



Village Manager